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MEDIA ADVISORY

Contra Costa Seeks Volunteers for Annual Homeless Count

WHAT: Contra Costa Health Services' Division of Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) seeks volunteers for the county's annual point-in-time count of

residents who are experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work in groups at designated locations across the county to

interview people and collect data.

WHO: Volunteers must be 18 or older. Spanish speakers are especially encouraged to

volunteer.

WHEN: Each volunteer must attend a two-hour training during the week of January 21 and

work a two- to three-hour shift during the week of January 28. Trainings and

shifts are available across the county at a variety of times.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear warm clothing and comfortable footwear to

their shifts and be prepared to stand for long periods.

WHY: Data collected during the count help H3 and its partners to improve services for

Contra Costa's homeless population and is used by federal, state and local

government to determine funding for homeless services.

Visit <u>cchealth.org/h3</u> for more information and to volunteer. For questions about volunteering, contact Georgia Lucey at <u>georgia.lucey@cchealth.org</u> or 925-608-

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